

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Sarah Laszloffy, on April 10, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Sarah Laszloffy, Chair (R)
Rep. Debra Lamm, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Jeff Essmann (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Laura Sankey, Legislative Branch
Nadia Zylawy, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 410, 4/8/2015; HJ 26, 4/8/2015

Executive Action: SB 107, SB 410, SB 252, SB 260, HJ 26

00:00:02 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON SB 410

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:30 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 410, Provide for tax credits for contributions to public and private schools.

[EXHIBIT\(edh72a01\)](#)

00:04:42 *Rep. Funk entered.*

00:05:05 *Rep. McClafferty entered.*

00:05:15 *Rep. Monforton entered.*

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:00 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:10:15 Chair Laszloffy

00:10:30 Rep. McClafferty

00:10:39 Chair Laszloffy

Opponents' Testimony:

00:10:44 Ali Bovingdon, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor

00:12:10 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:13:47 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:16:49 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:18:19 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

00:18:51 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

[EXHIBIT\(edh72a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:22:03 Dan Dodds, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:21 Rep. Kelker

00:22:57 Sen. Jones

00:23:21 Rep. Kelker

00:23:26 Sen. Jones

00:24:03 Rep. Kelker

00:24:21 Sen. Jones

00:24:41 Rep. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:54 Sen. Jones

HEARING ON HJ 26**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:28:24 Rep. Gordon Pierson (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HJ 26, Interim study of youth concussion protection laws.

EXHIBIT(edh72a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:13 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

EXHIBIT(edh72a04)

00:32:52 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

00:33:09 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals in Montana

00:33:38 Margaret Morgan, Montana Athletic Trainers Association

00:34:14 Kiely Keane, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

00:34:45 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:43 Rep. Meyers

00:36:00 Rep. Pierson

00:36:38 Rep. Kelker

00:36:56 Rep. Pierson

00:37:06 Lance Melton, MTSBA

00:37:18 Rep. Webber

00:37:37 Rep. Pierson

00:37:56 Rep. Funk

00:38:29 Rep. Pierson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:38 Rep. Pierson

00:40:18 Chair Laszloffy

00:41:13 Rep. Greef

00:42:00 Chair Laszloffy

00:42:01 Rep. Funk

00:42:20 Chair Laszloffy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 107

00:42:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lamm moved that **SB 107 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Essmann, Rep. Funk, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McClafferty and Rep. Price voting no.

00:44:09 Chair Laszloffy

00:44:11 **Motion:** Rep. Hertz moved that **SB 107 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:44:19 **Motion:** Rep. McClafferty moved that **SB 107 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

00:44:26 Chair Laszloffy
00:44:48 Rep. Hertz
00:44:58 Rep. Schwaderer
00:45:10 Chair Laszloffy

00:45:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Bennett moved to **APPEAL THE RULING OF THE CHAIR.** Motion failed 6-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Funk, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McClafferty, Rep. Price and Rep. Webber voting aye.

00:46:49 Rep. Funk
00:47:23 Rep. Lamm
00:48:27 Rep. McClafferty
00:49:07 Rep. Hertz
00:49:21 Rep. Kelker

00:49:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Essmann, Rep. Funk, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McClafferty, Rep. Price and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Lamm will carry the bill.

00:51:16 Laura Sankey, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:51:42 Rep. Hertz
00:51:58 Recess

01:35:15 Reconvened.
Rep. Hertz and Rep. Monforton excused.
01:35:23 Rep. Funk
01:36:15 Chair Laszloffy
01:37:15 Rep. McClafferty

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 252

01:38:25 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **SB 252 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:38:39 Laura Sankey, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:38:54 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **SB 252 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(edh72a05\)](#)

Discussion:

01:39:00 Laura Sankey, LSD
01:40:32 Chair Laszloffy
01:40:37 Laura Sankey, LSD
01:41:29 Rep. Essmann

01:41:48 Chair Laszloffy

01:41:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Essmann, Rep. Funk, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McClafferty, Rep. Price and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Hertz and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

01:42:57 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **SB 252 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(edh72a06\)](#)

Discussion:

01:43:08 Laura Sankey, LSD

01:44:48 Rep. Essmann

01:45:04 Rep. Kelker

01:45:11 Laura Sankey, LSD

01:46:53 Rep. Essmann

01:47:07 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

01:47:08 Rep. Essmann

01:47:31 Lance Melton, MTSBA

01:48:03 Rep. Kelker

01:48:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hertz and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

01:48:58 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **SB 252 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:49:11 Rep. Funk

01:49:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Essmann voting no. Rep. Hertz and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy. Rep. Monforton will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 260

01:49:55 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **SB 260 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:50:00 Laura Sankey, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:50:38 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **SB 260 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(edh72a07\)](#)

Discussion:

01:51:30 Laura Sankey, LSD

01:53:05 Rep. Essmann

01:53:22 Laura Sankey, LSD

01:54:02 Rep. Salomon

01:54:19 Laura Sankey, LSD

01:55:04 Rep. Kelker

01:56:08 Rep. Essmann

01:56:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 260 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Hertz, Rep. Lamm, Rep. Laszloffy, Rep. Meyers, Rep. Monforton, Rep. Salomon and Rep. Schwaderer voting no. Rep. Hertz and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

01:57:45 Rep. Schwaderer

01:57:54 Rep. Essmann

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 410

01:58:53 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **SB 410 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:59:14 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **SB 410 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(edh72a08)

Discussion:

01:59:35 Laura Sankey, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:00:11 Rep. Price

02:00:19 Laura Sankey, LSD

02:05:32 Rep. Kelker

02:06:06 Rep. Schwaderer

02:06:33 Laura Sankey, LSD

02:06:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Laszloffy, Rep. Salomon and Rep. Schwaderer voting aye. Rep. Hertz and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

02:08:05 Rep. Funk

02:09:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Funk, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McClafferty, Rep. Price, Rep. Salomon and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Hertz and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy. Rep. Schwaderer will carry the bill.

02:09:57 Chair Laszloffy

02:10:11 Rep. Essmann

02:10:22 Chair Laszloffy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 26

02:11:08 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HJ 26 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

02:11:21 Rep. Schwaderer

02:11:52 Chair Laszloffy

02:12:01 Rep. Webber

02:12:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hertz and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

02:12:53 Rep. Essmann

02:13:31 Rep. Meyers

02:13:42 Chair Laszloffy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:13:50

Nadia Zylawy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh72aad.pdf](#))